

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF GRAFT

Double Payment Made to
Laborers, Clean-Up
Day Cause.

LOW IS INDIGNANT
Supervisors Have Lively
Meeting and Gere
Criticized.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

"Graft" loomed large in the proceedings of the board of supervisors last night, when Supervisor Low asked that the board or the mayor appoint a special committee to investigate a charge against the county with reference to the pay of road workers on Clean-up Day, the charge being that the road workers supplied by the county on that day were paid out of the private funds subscribed to the Clean-up Day work, and on Monday last the board passed an appropriation of \$468 for the pay of employees on the same day, the names being duplicated in the committee and county lists.

Mr. Low stated that he would like to have an investigation of "this grafting proposition which has been made public." He went on to state that he was one of those who worked in the Punahoa district, which includes "insurgent Manoa," and that he issued tickets to laborers independent of those issued with the signature of W. Wolters, the chairman of the Clean-up Day hired laborers' committee.

He pleaded guilty to having issued at least six of these tickets, signed by himself and not by Wolters. He stated that the tickets signed by Wolters had run out early and that several laborers were without cards. Without cards their services would have to be dispensed with.

With Judgment and Pen.

In this predicament he went to Captain Guild, of the Punahoa district committee, and laid the matter before him. Mr. Low states that Mr. Guild told him to use his judgment, and he therefore issued tickets with his own signature emboldened thereon.

"I suppose they think I was doing a little grafting," said Mr. Low. "There were probably a hundred tickets which were given out without Wolters' signature. The whole program was loosely planned and carried out loosely and the thing was not well organized. The county did its duty in the matter where the Territory fell down. The county was called upon and supplied wagons and materials. Therefore, under the circumstances, I move that this matter be referred to a special committee for investigation."

Supervisor Murray saw no reason for a special committee looking into the matter and suggested it be referred to the road committee.

"I don't care who investigates," said he, "as I know that I am not meant."

Honor of Board.

Mr. Low expressed the opinion that it was not a case where an individual member of the board could pass out as the honor of the entire board was at stake. It was referred to the road committee, however.

The whole matter concerns the pay of 250 road employees for whom the county has appropriated \$500 for the pay for the day. The board, however, did not turn the half thousand over to the committee, but sent the laborers on Clean-up Day Foreman Crowning, berg of the county, sent the road laborers to various districts, and this started confusion, as the Clean-up Day committee had planned otherwise. Then some of the men passed their cards on to other men and checks were presented by men who, it is alleged, did not perform any work.

There is a mixup all along the line and the honor of the board is at stake, so it was stated at the board meeting, and that must not be tarnished.

Historic Machines to Museum.

The superintendent of public works notified the board that he had authorized the College of Hawaii authorities to take from the Nuuanu Valley electric plant certain old pieces of electrical machinery, first of all because they were the property of the Territory, but he notified the county so that the removal of the machines could be made a matter of record.

The machinery, etc., includes four Thompson-Houston arc light machines; two Thompson-Houston 14-hp alternators; three Polton water wheel outfits, including shafting, switch boards and various accessories, and some of it is historic, being among the first machines of the kind ever manufactured. The machines will be placed in the museum of the College of Hawaii where it will be well looked after. One of the generators is said to be the actual first machine of that kind ever constructed.

Belt Road and County.

County Engineer Gere is in a somewhat peculiar position in trying to arrange for the belt road and trying to get a special plan for the belt road. He is particularly anxious to get the belt road commission. He has a lot to say about the belt road and the belt road commission.

and criticized him for being out with the commission, when he should be in his office, where Supervisor Low could get his car on matters connected with repairs to schools.

Yesterday Mr. Low went down to the county building to seek Mr. Gere, in order that he could get figures and render a report to the board last night. Mr. Gere was not in his office at noon, at two or at four o'clock. This disturbed Low and he so stated last night. He went on to say that Mr. Gere was at the time with the belt road commission and added that "the county has nothing whatever to do with the belt road commission."

Mr. Murray thought Mr. Gere was doing a public service by working with the belt road commission. At any rate he thought that Mr. Low should bring in a report on the school appropriations. This stung Mr. Low and he replied sarcastically that he could not understand why he should be forced to bring in a report instantly, when the sanitary commission seemed to be dilly-dallying with the food screening ordinance.

Then for the first time the mayor broke into the proceedings. "That's what I like to see you boys doing, sparing each other on," he said, "with just the shadow of a smile. His little sting caused the matter to be brought to a close."

Joyriders May Phone.

Joyriders and auto users in general will be pleased to learn that last night the board authorized the police committee to dicker with the telephone company to install a phone at the foot of the Pali on the Koolau side at the cantonier's cottage, and another at Kipapa gulch near Leilehua. Several months ago this matter came up, but the telephone company was then in the midst of its reconstruction. The company is now ready.

The supervisors felt that the installation of a phone service there under the auspices of the county would fill a long-felt want, as it was half way between the two nearest phones. Although automobile users were not mentioned yet it is understood that they will largely benefit. When an auto breaks down on the other side of the Pali, it is real piliika, and the phone will save much trouble. In addition the county will derive considerable advantage.

Engineer Gere stated he had given permission to Oahu College to remove about 500 cubic yards of soil from an ungraded portion of the sidewalk on lower Manoa road. He recommended the action be approved. The soil is to be removed from a continuous piece of street to be graded.

Sheriff Makes Report.

Sheriff Jarrett reported that for the month of June there were 290 arrests in the island and fines assessed to the amount of \$1684. In Honolulu there were 136 arrests for gambling with assessed fines of \$860. The drunks numbered thirty-six in Honolulu, a smaller number than usual.

Schuman submitted an offer of \$800 to supply a Ford runabout for the plumbing inspector, the Associated Garage making an offer of \$1350 for a Hudson.

The sum of \$55 was appropriated for Prospect street, and \$72.25 for Jones street, Manoa, for road work.

A motion was made to raise the salary of the clerk to the plumbing inspector to \$100 a month, but was not considered. It will be taken up later.

E. Berndt, chairman of the Oahu Improvement committee, and chairman of Clean-up Day committee, thanked the board for the use of its property on Clean-up Day, and for all assistance rendered.

The general appropriation budget was passed.

The mayor asked for action on the appointment of S. Peck, as road supervisor for Koolau-poko. The board refused to confirm the appointment.

The board will meet again at noon on July 13.

FRIVOLOUS, BUT PURGED OF CONTEMPT

HILO, July 2.—That the answer filed by Attorney Harry Irwin in the Hitchcock guardianship case was frivolous, was the decision of Judge Parsons today in the matter of the contempt proceedings against Irwin. The court therefore ordered the response of the guardian stricken.

The court further found that the record made out a prima facie case of contempt against Irwin. Irwin had, however, in his defense, set out matters not in the record, which the court found were true, and on the showing that the respondent was now willing to lie the accounts demanded by the court, Irwin was found to have purged himself of contempt.

The Challenger, sailing about Saturday for Australia, will carry mail.

CABLEGRAM FROM ARCHITECT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING PUZZLES THE BOARD

A. Lewis Jr., of the Library of Hawaii board, received a cablegram yesterday from Architect Whitfield, who prepared the plans and specifications for the library building, which rather mystified those connected with the library.

The message stated that fuller plans were being sent on to Honolulu for consideration, and the board was requested to wait for them before the contract is awarded. As the contract is already awarded, to the Ford Young Construction Company, after considerable delay due to the changing of the plans from one to reinforced concrete, the request for sending the message is not altogether clear.

The board has gone over the site, on which the Public Library is to be built, and has decided on the site for the library. The site selected will be on the corner of the intersection of the main road and the main road.

HARBOR BOARD IS ORGANIZED

WILL CONTROL EXPENDITURE
OF THREE-QUARTERS OF
A MILLION.

With \$750,000 to expend, the new board of harbor commissioners started out on its career yesterday afternoon by holding its organization meeting in the offices of the superintendent of public works. The latter, by virtue of his office, is chairman ex-officio. The full board was present, composed of Marston Campbell, Emil Berndt, F. B. McStocker, J. Wakefield and C. J. McCarthy. Emil Berndt was elected secretary.

Manuel Cook, chief clerk of the public works department, was chosen as clerk and will fulfill the duties in connection with his present position. He has been performing the duties right along under the administration of public works and has a thorough knowledge of the details. There will be no salary fixed for the position at present, at any rate. The regular meeting day of the board will be Wednesday, and the hour two p. m.

The suggestion has been made public that the new harbor commission has no funds and is "bankrupt." Seeing that the appropriation bill calls for nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to be placed at the disposal of the commission this report need not be considered. It is true that the harbor commission bill does not make provision for office expenses, but, by the arrangements outlined above, the work of the board will go along smoothly in connection with the public works office.

Large Sums Authorized.

"The harbor commission will get along all right; I do not think we need worry about it," remarked the Governor with a smile when his attention was directed to an intimation that no money was provided for the commission. The Governor mentioned the large sums already authorized for the commission to expend. These are:

For Honolulu, \$350,000; for Hilo, \$200,000; for Kaunaloa, \$80,000; for Napoona, \$15,000; for Mahukona, \$14,400; for Hanaele, \$10,780; for Kahului, \$32,244; for McGregor's or Kihai, \$9,000; for Waikane, \$9,000; for Kalihui, \$5,000.

Expenses Fixed.

These sums are for new wharves. Then there are appropriations out of current revenue for maintenance, salaries for harbor masters, pilots, etc. The only real thing the commission has no money for is office expenses and that was fixed up at the organization meeting yesterday afternoon.

It is expected that the harbor commission will be an excellent thing in the settlement of many vexed questions. It will not only deal with the use of the government wharves, but the abuse of them at Honolulu and other points in the Islands. Unquestionably it will stop the abuses at an early date.

PRINCE IS COMING ON THE WILHELMINA

Prince Kalaniana'ole is aboard the Matson steamship Wilhelmina, which left San Francisco yesterday. The vessel will arrive here on Tuesday morning. Private advices from the Prince received in the Peralia's mail, gave his reason for his return to Honolulu.

The prince has announced that his early return to Honolulu is primarily for the purpose of continuing his campaign against Governor Frear. The prince is not very specific even yet as to his real reason for opposing the Governor.

The rumor is being revived that Kaho will have the job himself, or for a friend.

A HOME NECESSITY.

There is one medicine that every family should be provided with and especially during the summer months, viz: Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed. It costs but a trifle and never fails to give relief. Can you afford to be without it? For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

JUDGE UNLOCKS GRIP ON THROAT

SEPARATES COMBATANTS WHO
FOUGHT OVER CUSTODY
OF CHILDREN.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

After forcibly taking the right hand of Police Captain Charles W. Baker from the throat of John W. Hall, Judge W. J. Robinson yesterday acted the part of Solomon by temporarily dividing up the custody of the two children who were the subject of a dispute which caused the men to mix up in the Judiciary building, yesterday morning.

John W. Hall is the father and Captain Baker the stepfather of Pauline and Thelma Hall, aged about ten and one-half years and eight, respectively. When the judge unlocked Baker's fingers from Hall's throat he found that his right hand was covered with blood. This came from a cut on Hall's face which was made by a ring on the finger of Mrs. Baker, formerly Mrs. Hall, who took part in the struggle as soon as she saw the two men scuffling.

While she attacked her former husband Mrs. Baker screamed loudly and the two children added their shrill cries so that in a moment it seemed as if every person in the building, outside of the staid judges, was attracted to the corridor outside the courtroom of the third judge of the circuit court, where the encounter took place.

Judge Stops Fight.

Judge Robinson wasted no time in stopping the trouble. Baker had quite a grip on Hall's throat, but the judge caught hold of the police captain's thumb and forced it back. This compelled Baker to loosen his hold.

"Baker, you are a sworn officer of the peace and is this the way you break the peace yourself?" said the judge sternly.

The police captain looked around to see who had wrenched his thumb so violently and was addressing him. When he saw it was the judge he immediately resumed command of himself and said, "I am very sorry, you must excuse me."

The trouble primarily arose because of what Baker considered too excessive tenderness by Hall toward his two daughters. The latter had been brought to the courthouse by their mother and stepfather in connection with the hearing of a case concerning the custody of Pauline, the elder girl. The father, not having, as he said, seen the children for some time, started to caress them. Baker considered he was a little too impulsive; that Hall was, in fact, "manning them around." He therefore attempted to stop the demonstration.

Hall's Face Scratched.

Hall immediately sought to hit the captain who took hold of him by the throat. The children screamed, their mother rushed at Hall and scratched him on the face with her ring, while Assistant District Attorney Rawlins, Detective Harry Lake, Interpreter Camara and others sought to separate the men. With the assistance of the judge this was done.

Court was then resumed and Judge Robinson severely reprimanded the participants in the struggle.

The case which called the Hall and Baker families to the courtroom was instituted by Mrs. Wilhelmina Baker, formerly Mrs. Hall, who was represented by Attorney Clarence W. Ashford, while Attorney Lorin Andrews appeared for Hall. Mrs. Baker wished to have the custody of her elder daughter Pauline.

The Halls were divorced September 28, 1905, and Mrs. Hall, who later married Capt. Charles H. Baker, was given the custody of her daughter Thelma, the younger of the two children. No provision was made by the decree for the custody of Pauline Hall for the reason that in 1901 she had been legally adopted by Father Sylvester. In May, 1905, Pauline and Thelma were, Mrs. Baker alleged, kidnapped by Hall and taken to California. Father Sylvester died in 1907. Hall returned from California with the children in 1910. Since that date both Pauline and Thelma have been in the custody of Mrs. Baker.

Both Want Girl.

Hall recently started proceedings in Judge Robinson's court to be given custody of Pauline. Mrs. Baker opposed this. She alleges that Hall is intending to leave the country in the near future and to take Pauline with him and to deprive her permanently of the custody of the child. She says that her husband, Captain Baker, is abundantly able to take care of both girls, has become devotedly attached to them and greatly desires, as does Mrs. Baker, that the children should not be separated.

She alleges that Hall is for many reasons unfitted to exercise the rights of custody and education over a young girl of the age of Pauline. She asserts that Hall is of a coarse and cruel disposition, and has a wife living as the result of a fourth marriage, but that the fourth wife is separated from him. She further alleges that while the latest Mrs. Hall was at the head of the household in California she was unkind and cruel to the two children "in a serious degree."

Mrs. Baker also claims that Hall is financially unable to provide for Pauline a suitable home, maintenance and education, or any home, maintenance and education at all comparable to that which Captain Baker is able and desires to provide for the girl.

Children Give Evidence.

Hall, on his side, states that he is able to provide suitable for Pauline, and denies many of the allegations of his wife. Judge Robinson stated, in the course of the hearing, that the father is the legal custodian of the daughter.

Both children were called to give evidence. Judge Robinson left his seat on the bench and sat beside them in order to give them courage and told them to answer nothing but what they knew to be true.

Thelma said she did not want to go away to California, but would rather stay here with her mother, Pauline.

Pauline answered the court by stating that she would rather live "with both mamma and papa." Both said they love both their parents.

Hall went on the witness stand and was asked by Attorney Lorin Andrews about the scuffle in the corridor. Judge Robinson decided that further details were unnecessary and secured from Hall a promise that he would not attempt any further interference, but would abide by the orders of the court.

The judge remarked that the two children were a credit to both their parents and he did not think Hall could be blamed for wanting to caress them after a long separation, "especially such beautiful children—one dark and the other fair, a foil to each other." He continued the case until Saturday morning as he learned there was a chance of the parents coming to some agreement as to placing the children in the convent at Kaimuki. Until Saturday he ordered that Pauline be placed in the custody of her father and that Thelma should stay with her mother and stepfather.

May Go to Convent.

Judge Robinson believes that it will be an excellent arrangement to have the children placed with the sisters at Kaimuki. There the children will have as associates girls of their own age and will be well brought up. "It is the best thing that could happen to them," he remarked. "The Territory is interested in its citizens. We want to see to it that the character of our citizens is maintained and it can be best maintained in the case of these girls, by the education they can get at some institution of that kind rather than letting them be subject to the bickering of both father and mother."

While waiting for the agreement to be arrived at the judge felt it would be unfair to give one parent the custody of both girls, and so he divided them, just as Solomon was prepared to do in a somewhat famous legal proceeding of earlier days.

While on the witness stand Hall was cross-examined by Attorney Ashford as to his marital adventures. He stated that it was hard to say whether he had a wife living now. He had been married twice since his Honolulu divorce, he averred. The first time was in San Francisco, but wife number two had secured a divorce. Next he entered into the bonds of matrimony with a woman in Shasta county, California. They separated at Carson City, he said, she having intimated that she would apply for a divorce. He did not know whether she had done so. Mrs. Baker alleged he had been married four times, but Hall only owned up to three ceremonies. He declared he had taken great care of the children whenever they were with him.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR ENDORSEMENT

MASS MEETING, SUNDAY, TO
ADVOCATE ARBITRATION
WILL BE LARGE.

The executive committee of the Anglo-American arbitration movement, yesterday afternoon, ratified plans made by the general committee, yesterday morning, for the mass meeting to be held at the Hawaiian Opera House next Sunday evening. At this meeting the proposed resolution endorsing the arbitration treaty, now under consideration at Washington and London, will be read by Walter G. Smith, in which the United States Senate will be asked to pass the measure. T. Clive Davies will second the resolution for the British residents, and the resolution will undoubtedly be passed with enthusiastic unanimity.

This meeting a program committee has been appointed consisting of A. P. Griffiths, chairman; James Wakefield, Joshua Tucker, H. A. Taylor, Robert Anderson and Paul Super.

This committee now has the program in shape. At the meeting W. O. Smith will preside. There will be appropriate scripture readings, British and American songs, and a male quartet and an orchestra, directed by Captain Berger will give a musical program. The boxes are to be reserved for local dignitaries.

Minor committees for decorating, ushering, music and publicity have been named and ratified by the executive committee. The general committee in charge is composed of five British and five American members. The British are Robert Catton, Canon Ault, Dr. George Herbert, James Wakefield and F. M. Swamy. The Americans are W. O. Smith, chairman; George W. Smith, Dr. Doremus Scudder, George R. Carter and A. P. Griffiths.

Central Union Church, the Methodist Church and the Christian Church will hold no services Sunday evening. St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Episcopal churches will shorten their regular service in order to permit their congregations to attend.

ARMY RESERVATION AT FORT ARMSTRONG

The order by President Taft enlarging the Fort Armstrong military reservation was received by Governor Frear in the last mail from Washington. The reservation will be extended out to the harbor channel.

This matter was referred to the Governor some time ago and it is understood there will be no objection to it. The federal government wishes to build a wharf. This formal order is made to carry out the plan conceived at that time.

The addition to the reservation is a strip of land along the channel some distance below the channel wharf.

Mrs. R. T. Alexander arrived yesterday from Honolulu, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Waterhouse, who spent several weeks here last winter. —Haw. Star.

MAINE BLOWN UP FROM THE INSIDE

All Three Magazines in
Battleship Exploded
at Once

COL. BIXBY REPORTS

History Will Have to Be
Rewritten---Results
the Same.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—An explosion in all of her three magazines destroyed the Battleship Maine, February 15, 1898, in Havana harbor.

Brig. Gen. William B. Bixby, Engineer Corps, U. S. A., returning from an inspection of the wreck of the Maine as exposed in Havana harbor, states that the battleship was destroyed by an explosion in her magazines and not by outside forces.

General Bixby was sent by the government to cooperate with Col. William M. Black, Lieut. Col. M. M. Parrick and Capt. H. H. Ferguson, U. S. A., who have had charge of the operations for uncovering the wreck of the Maine, in the inspection of the wreck. His report has caused something of a sensation. How did the three magazines of the battleship explode simultaneously? is now asked.

SENATORS WAGE A WORDY BATTLE OVER RECIPROCITY

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa emphatically attacked the stand taken by President Taft in behalf of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, severely criticizing the President's speeches in favor of reciprocity.

Upon the conclusion of Senator Cummins' address, Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, defended the President and reciprocity. He stated that the increasing demand for foodstuffs will protect the farmers while a large source of supply will protect the consumer.

POPE PIUS COMMENDS THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Pope Pius X writes to the Apostolic Delegate stationed in this city commending the United States for its lead in the cause of international peace.

His Holiness says that his influence will be exerted in favor of the efforts for peace.

EX-QUEEN MARIA PIA OF PORTUGAL DEAD

TURIN, Italy, July 5.—Queen Maria Pia died today at the royal chateau of Stupinigi.

Maria Pia, the Queen Dowager of Portugal, was the widow of King Luis I. of Portugal, the mother of the assassinated King Carlos and the grandmother of the young King Manuel, now an exile in England. She was the youngest daughter of King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy, wedding the reigning king of Portugal in 1862.

Her life has been one of sorrows. Although democratic and known to many in Lisbon as "the angel of charity," assassins sought her life. Even after the death of her husband, she was the victim of assault at Aix-les-Bains, in which her life was saved almost miraculously.

Her second name "Pia" was given her by her godfather, Pope Pius IX. She was sixty-five years old.

ROYALISTS FAIL TO RESTORE MONARCHY

LONDON, July 6.—Fierce fighting is reported as in progress in Valencia and Dominho, Portugal, due to an attempt on the part of the royalists to restore the monarchy. Latter reports are that the uprising has been practically suppressed.

LIV. Spain, July 6.—Portuguese troops have been sent to quell a royalist plot for an uprising on the northern frontier.

COMMANDER FRANK DEAD

MADE IRREVERSIBLE July 6.—Commander of William V. Pratt, died last night.